

1 ABSTRACT

2 A printing compound suitable for recording unique surface characteristics of an object such  
3 as a person's finger, palm or foot, tire tread or shoe sole, on a porous medium such as paper, is  
4 composed of (1) a composition, e.g., printer's ink, capable of delineating such surface characteristics  
5 when transferred to the porous medium by itself or in conjunction with a separate reagent and (2)  
6 a sufficient amount of water dispersable nonionic surfactant to render the composition substantially  
7 soluble in water without adversely affecting the ability of the composition to delineate the surface  
8 characteristics when transferred to the porous medium.